

# Request for Council Action

Originator Community Development	Item <b>Wireless Lease Amendment with AT&amp;T at Dred Scott Ballfields</b>
Agenda Section Consent	Date 7/11/2016
Description	

## Background

AT&T Wireless proposes to amend an existing lease with the City to modify existing wireless equipment on a monopole tower located at Dred Scott Park, 10810 Bloomington Ferry Road. AT&T would replace existing wireless antennae and install six new radio units and associated equipment. The proposed equipment will increase the visual impact of the monopole tower. In exchange for the amendment, total rent for the monopole tower site would increase the 2016 rent amount of \$39,297 per year by \$3,000 per year beginning in 2016 with a 5% escalation in rent every year thereafter through the life of the lease agreement. The rent schedule (Exhibit F) is attached to the proposed lease amendment. The terms of the original lease remain in effect. The proposed lease amendment would be the third amendment of the original lease agreement with AT&T at Dred Scott Park. Previous amendments related to installation of additional antennae and an underground fiber connection. The proposed lease and agreement would be administered by Crown Castle, who has purchased a large share of AT&T leases across the nation.

## Wireless Lease Revenue

With approval of this lease amendment, total revenue from all City wireless leases will exceed \$620,000 in 2017. As the wireless facility is located in Dred Scott Park, any increased revenue associated with the proposed lease amendment would be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Advantages of Proposal

City staff believes that AT&T proposal has the following advantages:

- Wireless antennae, new radio units and associated equipment will be located on an existing monopole tower with no increase in overall height proposed.
- Rent payment for 2016 will increase by \$3,000 per year and future annual rent payments will escalate by 5%.
- The proposal improves wireless service for customers in the vicinity.
- The overall footprint of the ground equipment remains the same as the existing condition.

## Disadvantages of Proposal

City staff believes that T-Mobile's proposal has the following disadvantage:

- The visual impact of the proposed monopole tower will increase, but any new equipment must be painted to match the existing tower.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed lease amendment.

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Requested Action

Authorize Mayor and City Manager to sign the lease amendment.

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Attachments:

Proposed Wireless Lease Amendment  
Power of Attorney  
Original Lease Agreement